

Handbook for Parents

Wentworth Summer School/Camp Lead 2011



Wentworth Military Academy and College
Lexington, MO

Welcome to Wentworth

Academic

Our academic environment is challenging and disciplined, our curriculum is rich, our classes are small, and our faculty is very professional.

Expectations for your cadet include:

- Respect for authority and the Honor Code
- Adherence to class and coursework standards
- Class Attendance
- Focus and effort
- Commitment to learning
- Commitment to community service

Cadet Life

Being a Wentworth cadet means belonging to something very special, but requires a commitment to the standards and expectations of the Academy.

The environment a Wentworth cadet lives in includes:

- Honesty
- Consideration for others
- Opportunities for personal development
- Athletic competition and opportunity
- Involvement in various clubs or organizations
- Leadership study and practice



Who is my Cadet?

My cadet lives in room _____ of Tillotson Barracks. My cadet's roommate is _____ from _____

My cadet's laundry number is _____.

My cadet's mail box number is _____.

_____ is my cadet's LDO Officer. They can be reached by telephone or email.

_____ Phone Number
_____ [@wma.edu](mailto:_____@wma.edu)

My cadet's Academic Instructor is

_____ They can be reached via telephone or email.

_____ Phone Number
_____ [@wma.edu](mailto:_____@wma.edu)

My cadet's new email address is

_____ [@student.wma.edu](mailto:_____@student.wma.edu)



Wentworth Song

“Wentworth, Wentworth, bless your heart, Wentworth that we
love so well.
We’ll always be true and we’ll stand by you, Wentworth that we
love so well.”

Wentworth Cheer

Ham-Fat! Ding Bat! Hog-Wash, by gosh!
Hip-Hip Hooray! WMA! Sis-Boom-Bah!
Red and White, Red and White, Rah! Rah! Rah!

Wentworth Cadet Oath

I AM A WENTWORTH CADET,
I AM RESPONSIBLE TO:
MYSELF, MY FAMILY, MY SCHOOL,
AND MY COUNTRY
TO BE THE BEST I CAN BE.
I WILL BE RESPECTFUL AND I WILL ABIDE
BY THE CADET RULES AND REGULATIONS
AND UPHOLD THE INTEGRITY OF THE
HONOR CODE.

Who's taking care of my Cadet?

Commandant and His Staff

The Commandant is responsible for the health and welfare, leadership training, and accountability of all Wentworth cadets outside of the academic school day. He has a staff comprised of LDO Officers who mentor and guide each cadet and activity, while working closely with Camp Counselors and cadet leadership to carry out the leadership and command philosophy of Wentworth Military Academy.

Faculty

The High School Principal has a staff of highly qualified and professional faculty in various disciplines and functional areas. While in class or during an academic activity, there will be academic faculty on hand to supervise and provide assistance as necessary.

Cadet Leadership

Wentworth Summer School/Camp Lead is organized into a Corps of Cadets that mimics the structure of a U.S. Army Company. Exceptionally functioning cadets from the previous school year are hired, by the Commandant to serve as counselors, mentors, and to fill the cadet officer roles at summer school. In addition, cadets attending Summer School/Camp Lead 2011 will be assigned leadership roles and responsibilities. These cadets will work closely with the counselors and are responsible for leading themselves and their classmates.

Safety, Security, Health, and Welfare
of our Cadets is our
Number 1 Priority
Contact Information

660-259-2221

800-962-7682

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Extension 1500 jaull@wma.edu

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Extension 1400, 1402, 1415 gwillis@wma.edu

MAJ Ed Fiora, JROTC/Camp Lead Activities
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CPT Chris Fiora, Quartermaster
Extension 1330, 1332 cfiora@wma.edu

CPT Neil Crews, CPT Carol LaJaunie, Infirmary
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In Case of Emergency or to contact after hours call:

LDO on Call Cell: 660-232-1459

Infirmary Cell: 660-232-1662

New Cadet Training

What is a RAT?

RAT is an acronym for “Recruit at Training”, and defines the period that all new cadets to Wentworth must successfully complete.

Some Characteristics of RAT Training are:

- Cohort living and learning environment
- Developing time management skills
- Adjusting to the uniform and accountability standards
- Learning Wentworth customs and traditions
- Learning to follow in order to learn to lead
- Limited contact by telephone
- Team-building exercises
- Task based experience that each RAT Cadet can complete at their own pace en-route to earning their Hat Brass

Hat Brass

The first and most significant achievement of the RAT period is the completion of the Hat Brass requirement. This includes the memorization of essential Wentworth history, basic marching skills, the proper wear and appearance of prescribed Wentworth uniforms, and demonstrated success in initial adjustment to the high standards Wentworth places on all cadets.



What to Bring

The following items are required for all cadets. All items brought from home should be plain and inexpensive. Do not mark clothing!

12 white crew neck t-shirts	shaving gel/razor or electric razor
12 pairs white athletic socks	soap/soap dish
12 pairs white underwear*	shampoo
8 bath towels	deodorant (no aerosols)
8 washcloths	2 paper notebooks
2 pairs white athletic shoes	6 pencils
1 pair flip flops	6 pens
15 plastic coat hangers	1 calculator (if needed)
1 blanket	1 binder
1 sleeping bag	1 black backpack
1 pillow	laptop computer - OPTIONAL
2 sets white twin sheets	1 swim trunk
1 rug smaller than 36"x60"	1 alarm clock
1 spray/wipe Windex	1 sponge mop
1 small broom	Optional Items:
1 dust pan	envelopes/stamps
1 box tissue	mattress pad
1 comb/hairbrush	pajamas/robe
1 toothbrush/toothpaste	

Female Cadets

8 white brassieres (2 sport)	stud earrings only
conservative makeup	clear nail polish
hairdryer (optional)	

*Males: boxer/briefs Females: high rise briefs

What NOT to Bring

The following items are unauthorized. Do not bring these items from home. All non-regulation items will be considered contraband and will be confiscated and may not be returned.

TV sets, VCRs, DVDs or Blu-ray players	Cooking appliances
Video or computer games	Electric blankets
Civilian clothes	Electric heaters or heat guns
Strobe, black, or colored lights	Flammable liquids
Overhead or ceiling decorations	Aerosol cans or any type
Pictures/posters not in good taste	Microwaves
Signs taken from public places	Refrigerators
Electric tools, nails, glues, putty	Pets
Ammunition or fireworks	Candles and incense
Any tobacco products	Alcohol
Living or plastic plants	Drugs or drug paraphernalia
Lighters or matches	Cash in excess of \$20
Outside antennas	Curling irons
Weapons of any kind (including throwing stars, firearms, knives, bayonets, daggers, bows, arrows, bb/pellet guns, air soft guns, etc.)	

Other than a computer and printer, high dollar items such as iPods, digital cameras, and video cameras are strongly discouraged. Wentworth Military Academy is not responsible for their loss.

Room Furnishings

Each cadet room is furnished with the following items: room key (\$25 replacement charge if lost), a bed and innerspring mattress for each occupant, a chest of drawers, study desk or table, two chairs, desktop bookcase, closet with clothes pole for hangers and overhead storage and window shades or blinds.



Travel to/from Lexington

Kansas City International (KCI) Airport

Wentworth Military Academy is located 55 miles from KCI airport. Transportation to/from KCI on the exact date that the session begins or ends is arranged by the school (a fee of approximately \$35 will be assessed to the student's account). If the cadet arrives or departs on a different date or time, you will be responsible for a fee of \$100 or more if special transportation is required. All transportation questions should be directed to the Commandant's Office by phone or email.

Buses and Trains

If your cadet is arriving or departing via bus or train, please contact the Commandant's Office at 800-962-7682 extension 1402 or 1415 so that proper arrangements can be made.

The Move to Campus

“It’s normal to feel confused, nervous and lost.”

Here are some tips to help you move to campus.

Report to Groendyke Hall. DO NOT unload vehicle upon arrival.

Relax we’ll help you through the process.

Enrollment takes approximately 2 hours or more.

Don’t bring “girlfriends/boyfriends,” friends, or extra family members, as this takes away from the enrollment process and makes saying “goodbye” that much more difficult.

We’ll let you know when and where to unload your things.

You’ll say your “goodbyes” when unloading occurs. This is the toughest part of the day. Expect some tears.

Re-affirm the opportunity you are given to succeed.

Make the goodbye short. Your cadet has a great deal to learn and do now.

Depart campus. Be strong. Know you’ve made a sound decision.

Cadet guides will escort your cadet and his/her belongings to their room and begin getting them settled into Summer School/Camp Lead. Over 20,000 of us have had a first day at Wentworth and succeeded. You are in good company!



Communicating with Your Cadet

In Case of Emergency

During regular office hours (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Mon-Fri) please call 660-259-2221 and use extension 1400, 1402, or 1415. After 5:00 p.m. or on weekends, contact the LDO On-Call cell phone at 660-232-1459. If you are unable to reach a LDO Officer on duty the following protocol should be followed:

Call the following in order until an individual is reached:

1. SMSGT Lonnie Sutton – Deputy Commandant – 816-517-1079
2. 1st SG Gary Willis – Commandant – 816-232-4436
3. COL Rick Cottrell – Director of Operations – 816-661-3750
4. COL Michael Lierman – Superintendent – 816-517-7490

Phone Calls

Wentworth's cell phone policy provides for liberal contact with your cadet, providing they meet certain requirements. However, all cadets have access to various telephones on campus. Cadets are free to use these telephones during their free time to communicate home.

The first phone call

The first time you will likely hear from your cadet is when they've earned their "Hat Brass". Earning the Hat Brass comes with certain privileges such as using the phone. Your cadet will be very proud of this accomplishment and you should congratulate them heartily. Depending on the cadet, achieving their Hat Brass can take anywhere from a few days to a few weeks.

Writing a Letter

One of the best parts of the day is getting mail and packages from home (packages with "goodies" should start after the Hat Brass is earned). You, family and friends are encouraged to write your cadet while at Wentworth often. You can write your cadet the following address:

Wentworth Military Academy
Cadet John A. Doe
Box ###
1880 Washington Avenue
Lexington, MO 64067

A mailbox will be assigned during matriculation for your cadet.

Visiting your cadet

You are welcome to visit your cadet, however, we request that you call ahead and check with the Commandant's Office first. This ensures that your cadet does not have any conflicts for that time. Weekends are the best time to visit and a simple phone call ahead of time will save your from getting here and finding out your cadet is involved in a school activity or is ineligible (due to grades or deportment) to have visitors.

We maintain a list of local motels and bed & breakfasts:

<http://wma.edu/alumni/accommodations.php>



What is the Honor Code?

“Cadets will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate those who do”.

The purpose of the Honor Code is to develop a Corps of Cadets based on mutual trust and to make all cadets conscious of their responsibilities not only for their own acts, but also for the acts of their fellow cadets. It is the cornerstone for the development of self-respect, good character, loyalty, justice and generosity. All cadets are subject to the Honor Code.

Internet Access

Wentworth is fully wired and wireless campus, offering connectivity to cadets in all areas. Cadets must first agree to a computer use policy that prohibits them from going to unauthorized internet sites, or using the internet in any fashion as to disrupt good order and discipline at the school. Cadets earn time to access the internet to communicate via email, conduct academic research, or other reasons. Cadet must first have earned their Hat Brass before they are connected.

Disciplinary System

The purpose of the Cadet Disciplinary System is to maintain good order and discipline among the Corps of Cadets and to develop a learning environment that respects each member of the Academy. The system is designed to develop self-discipline as a daily way of life and to teach cadets to accept full responsibility for all they do or fail to do. It is intended to teach cadets to place a high sense of duty above self-interest and to be instructional, non-judicial and corrective in nature. Cadet authority within the disciplinary system supports the concept of the Corps leading the Corps of Cadets.

Demerit System

Cadets committing breaches of discipline or violation of the rules/regulations (Cadet Handbook) will be reported, in writing, on a “stick sheet”, and will be issued demerits. Cadets can work off demerits by performing marching “tours” or performing details.

Merit System

This system is used to reward cadets for positive performance and accomplishments above normal expectations for a cadet. Merits may be earned for, but not limited to, the following items – good grades, volunteering for special projects hosted by the Academy, tutoring another cadet, community service.

Cell Phone Policy

Summer School cadets are authorized to have one cell phone with certain conditions.

Cadets will be permitted to possess/use of their cell phone upon successful earning of their Hat Brass. Until the cadet has earned their Hat Brass, their cell phone will be maintained by members of the Commandant's Staff (cell phone secured during matriculation) of their parents/guardians. Cadets must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or better, with no Fs/INCs. Eligibility will be determined at the end of the three (3) week grading period.

Returning cadets, who have previously earned their Hat Brass, are authorized one cell phone and permitted to possess/use it after matriculation with certain conditions. All authorized cadets must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or better, with no Fs/INCs. Eligibility will be determined at the end of the three (3) week grading period.

All cadets must register their cell phone with the Commandant's Office. Cadets must provide their cell phone number and provider to the Commandant's Office. Any changes during their time at Wentworth Military Academy must be provided or cell phone privileges could be revoked.

Internet Use Policy

0800-1200	Research and Academic Use Only
1200-2130	No Internet Access
2130-2230	Open Access
2230-0800	No Internet Access

Our IT system has the ability to lock out inappropriate sites and alert the administrator to inappropriate activity. Access to the internet will be a privilege which can be rescinded at any time.

Social networking sites are unauthorized for all high school cadets.



Glossary of Wentworth Terms

ACU – Fatigues cadets will wear for JROTC activities.

BRC/DRC/SRC – Breakfast, Dinner, and Supper Roll Call - in other words, breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Cadet Handbook – the Academy’s book of regulations and standard operating procedures, to which each cadet is held accountable.

CQ – Call to Quarters, 2 hours of mandatory study time in barracks room. Faculty supervises and assists cadets who need extra help.

Department – This term defines how cadets “carry” themselves, how they behave and how well they abide by the rules and regulations of the Academy.

Hat Brass – an insignia worn on a cadet’s hat and is earned by RATs passing a skills and knowledge test that is administered as soon as the New Cadet believes he or she is ready.

JROTC – Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps. The purpose of JROTC is to teach citizenship and strong leadership.

New Boy/Old Boy – When a cadet becomes an Old Boy, he or she has mastered the basic skills, knowledge and abilities to be considered a full-fledged member of the Corps of Cadets. When the Academy’s first class of women (1993) was asked if the school’s historic monikers should be made gender specific, it overwhelmingly voted NO.

Quartermaster (QM) – Our uniform and general purpose store.

RAT – A Recruit-at-Training is the term applied to new cadets during their initial period of orientation to Academy life.

RAT Line – In order to help new cadets become accustomed to teamwork and walking in a military manner, all RATs have special pathways outside and inside the barracks.



2011-2012 Calendar

2011

Summer School Cadets Arrive June 11
Summer School June 11-July 22

High School Football and Volleyball Report	August 8
Cadet Cadre Report	August 12
New Cadets Arrive	August 15
Old Boys Report	August 19
Sounding of the Cannon/First Day of Class	August 22

150 th Anniversary Battle of Lexington Reenactment	September 16-18
Fall Parents Weekend	September 23-24
Homecoming Weekend	October 7-8
Thanksgiving Furlough	November 19-28
Mid-Year Graduation	December 15
Christmas Furlough	December 15

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Christmas Furlough Ends (HS cadets only)	January 2
Second Semester New Cadets Report	January 6
Christmas Furlough Ends (JC Cadet only)	January 8
Second Semester Begins for HS/JC cadets	January 9
Spring Furlough	March 9-18
Spring Parents Weekend/Military Ball	April 20-21
Baccalaureate/Commencement	May 18-19

